

Application No.: 10/624013

Case No.: 54060US011

Remarks

Claims 1 to 11 are pending. A response to the Office Action with a mailing date of April 1, 2004, was faxed to the U.S. Patent Office on June 30, 2004. Included in that response were copies of the 371 transmittal and the filing receipt for Application Serial No. 09/623,750. The present application is a divisional application filed from 09/623,750.

Applicant received a call from the Examiner requesting the attached documents be resent, along with a report from the Applicant's facilities providing the priority information of the present application. Included with this response, Applicant is resending the 371 transmittal and the filing receipt from 09/623/750; and a report/chart from Applicant's office showing that the present case claims priority to the 09/623,750 case, which claimed priority to a GB case filed on March 9, 1998.

To assist in deciphering the report/chart the Applicant is providing a detailed listing of the parentage of the present application.

GB application, 9804967 was filed March 9, 1998. One year later, on March 9, 1999, PCT application US99/05053 was filed. At the 30 month national stage, U.S. application 09/623,750 was filed using the international filing date as the filing date. On July 21, 2003, U.S. application 10/624,013 (the present application) was filed as a divisional application from 09/623,750.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this supplemental amendment, please call the attorney of record at 651-733-2059.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 28, 2004

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Priority Case Report

Title: SOFT EDGE MASKING FOAM TAPE WITH SECOND LAYER AND VARIABLE SIZE MASKING

Priority Case Number: 54060GB002
Priority Application No: 9804967
Filing Date: Mar-09-1998
Patent No.
Issue Date:
Status: Abandoned
Status Date: Mar-15-1999
Case Type: ORD

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Related Cases Within GB

Case Number	Case Type	Case Status	Status Date	Application Number	Filing Date	PubNumber	Patent Number	Issue Date	Expiration Date
54060GB006	EPC	Unfiled	Jan-11-2001						

OCO Filing Claiming Priority to 54060GB002

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54080BR003	PCT	Pending	Mar-09-1999	PI9808640-9	Mar-09-1999				Mar-09-201
54060CA004	PCT	Pending	Mar-09-1999	2322956	Mar-09-1999				Mar-09-201
54060CN005	PCT	Issued	May-23-2003	99803794.X	Mar-09-1999		99803794.X	Apr-30-2003	Mar-09-201
54060DE006	EPC	Unfiled	Jan-11-2001						

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54060EP006	PCT	Pending	Mar-09-1999	99909921.1	Mar-09-1999			Mar-09-201
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54060ES006	EPC	Unfiled	Jan-11-2001					
54060FR006	EPC	Unfiled	Jan-11-2001					
54060IT006	EPC	Unfiled	Jan-11-2001					
54060JP007	PCT	Pending	Mar-09-1999	2000-535461	Mar-09-1999			Mar-09-201
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* 54060US010	PCT	Issued	Jul-14-2003	09/623750	Mar-09-1999	6596376	Jul-22-2003	Mar-09-201
* 54060WO009	ORD	National	Sep-09-2000	US99/05053	Mar-09-1999	WO99/46058		

Remaining Cases In Family Outside of GB

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	GRP ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY.DOCKET.NO	DRAWINGS	TOT CLAIMS	IND CLAIMS
09/623,750	09/08/2000	1772	840	540680USA4A.010	3	19	2

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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Foreign Applications**Projected Publication Date:** Not Applicable, filed prior to November 29,2000**Non-Publication Request:** No**Early Publication Request:** No**Title**

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 54060USA4A.010
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/Us99/05053		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 9, 1999		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)
				PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 9, 1998
TITLE OF INVENTION MASKING MATERIALS AND METHOD OF USE				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Phillip J. Bouic and Stephen C.P. Joseph,				
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:				
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